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Subject: Potential Year 2000 Computer Problems (Embedded Microchips)

Dear :

The Bureau of Reclamation is in the process of collecting information on equipment with embedded microchips at Reclamation projects that are used in the operation of dams, water delivery systems, monitoring and data collection equipment, and in general all equipment operated with computers. The emphasis for this effort is to identify potential problems if a microchip is not correctly programmed to recognize the year 1999, 2000, or a later date.

Reclamation has made an effort to check our equipment at project facilities to determine whether the equipment is year 2000 compliant; however, Reclamation is not as familiar with all the equipment at project facilities as the managing entities are. In this regard, Reclamation wants to make all managing entities aware of the potential year 2000 problem, and requests that the managing entity of each project check all equipment with embedded microchips - not only the hardware, but the software as well--and take the appropriate action to ensure that the equipment is year 2000 compliant!

It is Reclamation's goal to address the year 2000 computer problem now, before the problem adversely affects dam safety or the delivery of project water. If you have any questions, please contact Glenn Stone of our Water Resources Group at (970) 248-0675.

Sincerely,


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